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February 6, 2008

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:  
LAC+USC MEDICAL CENTER REPLACEMENT PROJECT  
APPROVAL OF CONSTRUCTION CHANGE ORDER FOR  
MEDICAL GAS TANKS  
MCCARTHY/CLARK/HUNT, A JOINT VENTURE; CONTRACT PW-12641  
SPECS. 6550; C.P. 70787  
(FIRST DISTRICT) (4 VOTES)**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Increase the authority of the Director of Public Works to execute a change order with McCarthy/Clark/Hunt, a Joint Venture, to provide slab-on-grade and underground piping for the medical gas tanks in the Central Plant from a \$250,000 to a not-to-exceed amount of \$420,000.

**REASON AND SCOPE – RECOMMENDATION**

Unforeseen condition	<input type="checkbox"/>	Regulatory agency requirement	<input type="checkbox"/>
Drawing coordination	<input type="checkbox"/>	Previously approved scope change	<input type="checkbox"/>
Contract supplement	<input type="checkbox"/>	Errors and omissions	<input type="checkbox"/>
Equipment procurement process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

On May 15, 2007, your Board approved a change order in the amount of \$250,000 to construct concrete foundation for the medical gas tanks, including underground piping, and electrical from the tanks area to the Central Plant as well as above-ground electrical control. Further, the Board letter noted that the cost negotiations for this change order had not been finalized and should the final value of the change order exceed the cost estimate we would return to your Board for approval.

To avoid delays to the overall project schedule, Public Works authorized the contractor to install the work in accordance with preliminary construction drawings received from the medical gas tank vendor. On August 20, 2007, the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHDP) approved the vendor's construction drawings with corrections, requiring a different installation method for underground piping. This change required a portion of the previously installed underground piping to be removed and replaced in accordance with OSHDP's corrections.

Public Works has finalized the cost negotiations for this change order with the contractor for a \$420,000 not-to-exceed amount with no change in the current contract completion date. Public Works has issued three proceed orders totaling \$250,000, under delegated authority, for this work to avoid delay impact and that amount is included in the recommended \$420,000 total cost.

We have reviewed the above recommendation as well as the potential cost and schedule impacts with the Project Advisory Committee. This change order is within the scope of the project and within the Board-approved project budget of \$899,713,218. Sufficient appropriation is available in the 2007-08 Capital Projects/Refurbishments Final Budget – LAC+USC Medical Center Replacement Project (C.P. 70787) to fund the recommended action.

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**CONCLUSION**

Upon approval of the recommendation, please return an adopted, stamped copy of the Board letter to my office.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. T. Fujioka', with a stylized flourish at the end.

WILLIAM T FUJIOKA  
Chief Executive Officer

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JSE:DJT:DKM

c: County Counsel  
Department of Health Services  
Department of Public Works (Project Management Division I)  
Project Advisory Committee